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2016 Northwest Region Honey Production up Slightly from 2015

Idaho's 2016 honey production, at 3.30 million pounds, was 16 percent higher than 2015. There were 97,000 honey producing colonies, 8,000 more than the previous year. The yield per colony averaged 34.0 pounds compared with 32.0 pounds per colony in 2015. Idaho's value of honey production, at \$ 5.67 million, was 3 percent higher than 2015.

Oregon's 2016 honey production, at 2.59 million pounds, was 4 percent lower than 2015. There were 74,000 honey producing colonies, 3,000 more than the previous year. The yield per colony averaged 35.0 pounds compared with 38.0 pounds per colony in 2015. Oregon's value of honey production, at \$ 5.34 million, was 19 percent lower than 2015.

Washington's 2016 honey production, at 2.94 million pounds, was 8 percent lower than 2015. There were 84,000 honey producing colonies, 11,000 more than the previous year. The yield per colony averaged 35.0 pounds compared with 44.0 pounds per colony in 2015. Washington's value of honey production, at \$ 5.53 million, was 4 percent lower than 2015.

Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value — Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and United States: 2015 and 2016

[Producers with 5 or more colonies that also qualify as a farm. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State]

	Honey producing colonies ¹	Yield per colony	Production	Stocks December 15 ²	Average price per pound ³	Value of production ⁴
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(cents)	(1,000 dollars)
Idaho						
2015	89	32	2,848	1,082	193	5,497
2016	97	34	3,298	1,253	172	5,673
Oregon						
2015	71	38	2,698	809	243	6,556
2016	74	35	2,590	622	206	5,335
Washington						
2015	73	44	3,212	1,221	180	5,782
2016	84	35	2,940	412	188	5,527
Other States ^{5 6}						
2015	30	39	1,168	371	524	6,102
2016	35	44	1,525	416	426	6,497
United States ^{6 7}						
2015	2,660	58.9	156,544	42,203	208.3	326,081
2016	2,775	58.3	161,882	41,253	207.5	335,905

¹ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

² Stocks held by producers.

³ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

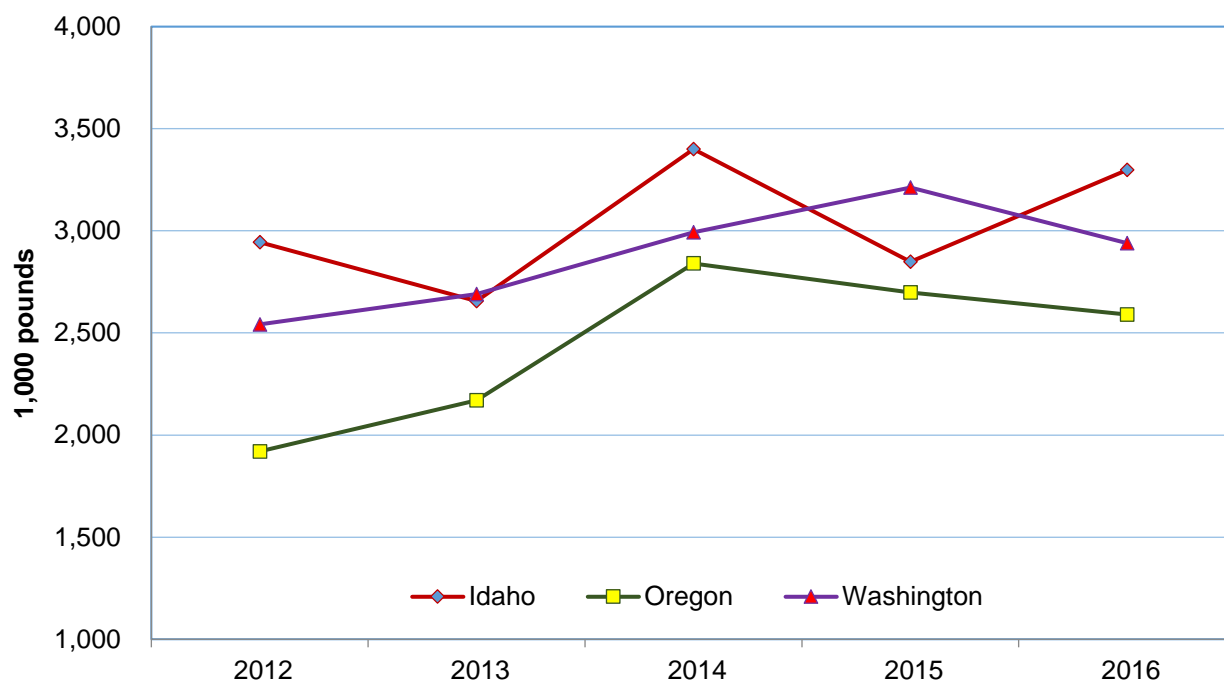
⁴ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

⁵ Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Rhode Island not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

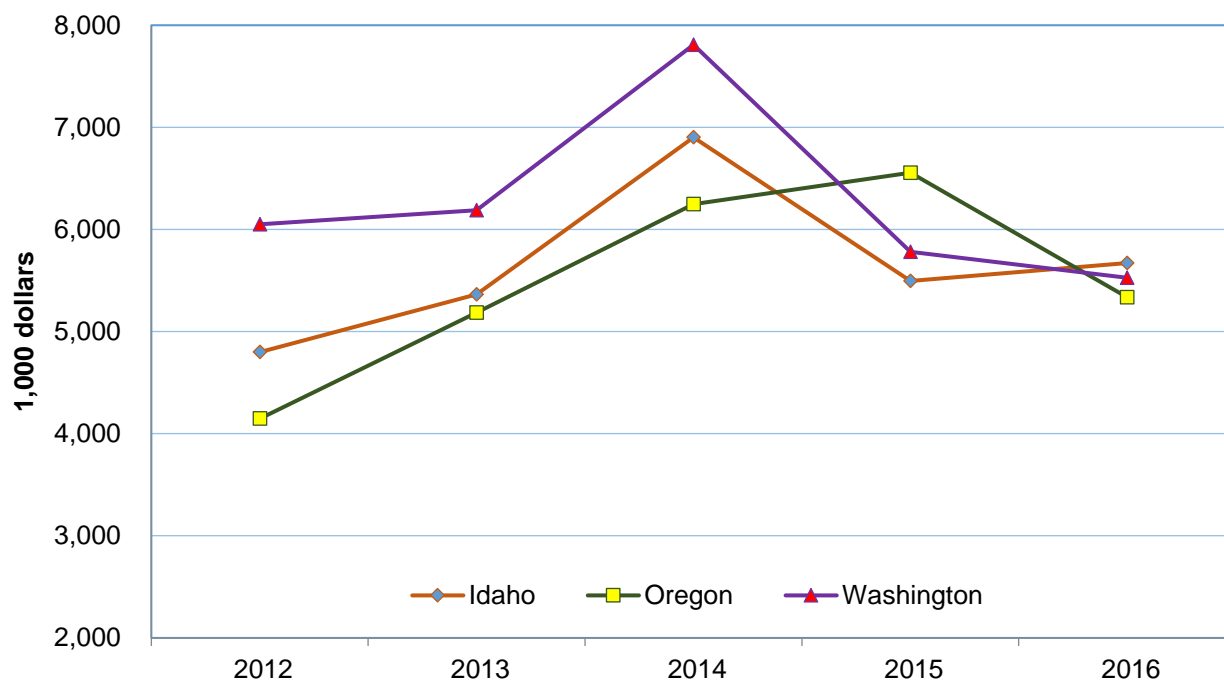
⁶ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

⁷ United States value of production will not equal summation of States.

Honey Production—Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: 2012-2016



Honey Value of Production— Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: 2012 - 2016



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